

REMARKS

Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) herewith; therefore, entry and consideration of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on April 19, 2005 is appropriate.

Applicant further submits the following remarks to the Examiner in response to the Examiner's comments in the continuation sheet of the Advisory Action dated May 11, 2005.

Contrary to the Examiner's allegation that applicant admits that certain features of the claims are well known, in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on April 19, 2005 (hereinafter "Amendment"), Applicant turned to the specification (the disclosure of the exemplary embodiments of the present invention) to show support and enablement of the unique features of the present invention set forth in the claims.

For example, Applicant turned to page 8, second paragraph of the specification to show the unique feature of "comparing the information data of the installation components with the picture data of the real installation." That is, Applicant only noted that one of ordinary skill in the art would be enabled to implement the function of comparison as described in the exemplary, non-limiting embodiment of the present invention because the general technique of "image recognition" and "image comparison" are known in the art (*see* page 14 of the Amendment).

In other words, it is Applicant's position that one of ordinary skill in the art would know *how* to implement the unique feature noted above based on the specification and the *general* techniques of "image comparison" and "recognition." Applicant's position should not be mischaracterized as alleging that the unique feature cited above is well know in the art. Similar

arguments apply to the unique feature of “deriving a hypothesis regarding the identified components in the picture data.”

That is, it is Applicant’s position that the specification describes illustrative, non-limiting embodiments of the present invention giving guidance to one of ordinary skill in the art as to how to implement the unique features of the claims. Only based on the guidance available in the specification and the level of skill of one of ordinary skill in the art can the present invention be implemented.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification setting forth exemplary, non-limiting embodiments of the present invention is not drafted for a lay person but for the one of ordinary skill in the art. In short, although general “image recognition” techniques may be known to one of ordinary skill in the art, as well as comparing recognized images, “comparing the information data of the installation components with the picture data of the real installation” and “deriving a hypothesis regarding the identified components in the picture data” are unique features of the present invention that one of the ordinary skill in the art would not have known to implement without guidance from the specification.

Entry and consideration of these remarks are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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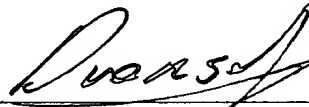
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